

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Sometimes.

Sometimes she seems a faint perfume, A fragrance that a flower exhaled. And God gave form to her, unvelled, A blossom making gold the gloom. Or vines that roof some woodland room Of boughs; and now the silvery sound Of streams her presence doth assume— Music, from which, in dreaming drowned, A crystal shadow she seems to bloom.

Sometimes she seems the light that lies On foam of waters, where the fern Shimmers and drips; now, at some turn Of woodland, bright against the skies, She seems the rainbow mist that flies; And now the mossy fire breaks Beneath the feet in azure eyes Of flowers; and now the wind that shakes Pale petals from the bough that sighs.

—Madison Cawlin, in September Smart Sol.

Hume—Beach.

The marriage of Miss Katherine Spotswood Beach, daughter of the late Samuel Thomas Beach and Mrs. Elizabeth Braxton Henry, to Mr. Bryce Stewart Hume, was celebrated at 6:30 P. M. yesterday in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Harry Lee Watson, of No. 727 West Main Street, the Rev. J. J. Braxton, of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, being the celebrant.

Profuse and beautiful house decorations were in palms and flowers. The bride party entered to the wedding chorus from Lohengrin, played by an orchestra stationed behind a palm screen on the veranda leading into the drawing room.

Miss Beach was accompanied to the altar by her brother, Mr. Samuel Hugh Beach, of Washington, D. C., who gave her away. She wore an imported lace gown over tulle and pearl ornaments. Her veil was caught with sprays of lily of the valley that also marked a white prayer book, carried instead of the conventional bouquet.

Mrs. Watson, who attended her sister as matron of honor, was in white organdy with lace trimmings. Her flowers were pink roses. Dr. Robert Bryan was best man to his cousin, the groom.

The ceremony was followed by a reception for the intimate friends of the contracting parties. The display of wedding gifts showed an elegant array.

Mr. and Mrs. Hume will return to their home in Richmond after an extended Northern tour.

A Ware River Club Tale.

Mr. Henry Sydney Harrison has written a story for the September "Smart Set" that ought to set Richmond people to guessing as to its written about them, and "Ware River Club" evidently means Deep Run Hunt Club.

The disguise of making the Woman's Club the scene of the climax in the story, and of calling the club, "the lecture-room of the Second Presbyterian Church," will never deceive a Richmond reader, but, as Mr. Harrison has not set people to guessing too furiously in August weather, his further veiling of personalities, as well as of localities, will be forgiven him, because of the delightful uncertainty and the possibilities in identification which it will create.

Just how many Richmond girls will discover themselves in the character of "Millicent Page" is a problem that is almost as interesting as the approaching outcome of elections in the political world. Just how many men will find their "doubles" in "Henry Ranville" and "Hemmenway Brown," remains to be seen a little later than August 25.

Mr. Harrison tells his tales in addition to his environment and his people. He calls this story "The Measure of His Greatness." Immediately, on nothing, one fails to imagine, whose measure, and what greatness? The greatness of "Wrexham," whose measure showed the jackal in the lion's skin; the greatness of "Henry Ranville," in his loyalty to his lady and his unflinching service; or the greatness of "Hemmenway Brown," the disinterested friend and the sympathizing "clue ex machina" of the story?

The readers will settle or unsettle all these matters among themselves. The writer of this society column is mainly concerned over the wedding bells that will be shortly rung for "Millicent Page" and "Mr. Henry Ranville."

Double Wedding To-day.

At half-past 5 this afternoon a double wedding will be celebrated at "White Hall," the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ball, of the City of Richmond. The bride, Miss Lula May Hess and Miss Mary Elmer Hess, become the brides of Mr. Martin Charles Ellyette and Mr. James Robert Dakeman, of Clarke county and Berryville, Va. The young couple are very popular and well known in Clarke county society.

Miss Irvine's Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Gertrude Irvine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ball, of the City of Richmond, is scheduled to take place at 9 o'clock this evening, in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. McD. Adair and Miss Jessie Adair, of Lexington, Va. The wedding will be out-of-town guests to the wedding.

August House Party.

Miss Meland Irvine, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ball, has returned to her home in Cartersville, Va., and will be the hostess of a house party. Among her guests will be Miss Guy and Miss Laura McCullough, of Newport News, Va., and a number of other young people of the Cartersville section.

To Leave To-day.

The party to Niagara, Toronto, Philadelphia and Atlantic City, given for the benefit of the "Working Girls' Room" at the Retreat for the Sick, and the building fund of the Second Baptist Church, will leave to-day, under the personal conduct of Miss Betty Ellyson and Mrs. Anna P. Eburne.

These ladies have conducted a number of remarkably agreeable and successful excursions, and their connection with this is a proof of its being well looked after in every respect.

Weather and Society.

The stormy weather has interfered seriously with the pleasure of the gay society people at Newport, who are somewhat indignant over having their carefully arranged plans, in regard to such things as parties, polo and golf tournaments, etc., at naught. Mr. Harry Walters, the Pembroke Joneses and several other prominent hosts and hostesses have been obliged to defer entertainments or give them up altogether.

Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Traylor are at the Mecklenburg Hotel, Chase City, Virginia, where they have been the guests of Mr. Joseph Savage, at Kernstown, Va., who was a week-end guest at the hotel.

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Boys' \$1.50 to \$1.08 Wash Suits, all kinds, 98c.

Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Elliot Norton.

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HAWTHORNE.

By HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW.

The date annexed to this poem is May 22, 1864, the day on which Nathaniel Hawthorne was buried. The poem was written just a month later. In sending a copy of these verses to Mrs. Hawthorne, Longfellow wrote: "I feel how imperfect and inadequate they are, but I trust you will pardon these deficiencies for the love I bear his memory."

Aladdin's palace which he had built for his bride was erected in a night, but one window of it was left unfinished. "To finish Aladdin's palace" is to finish a work begun by a greater man.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

HOW beautiful it was, that one bright day
In the long week of rain!
Though all its splendor could not chase away
The omnipresent pain.

The lovely town was white with apple-blossoms,
And the great elms overhead
Dark shadows wove on their aerial looms,
Shot through with golden thread.

Across the meadows, by the gray old manse,
The historic river flowed;
I was as one who wanders in a trance,
Unconscious of his road.

The faces of familiar friends seemed strange;
Their voices I could hear,
And yet the words they uttered seemed to change
Their meaning to my ear.

For the one face I looked for was not there,
The one low voice was mute;
Only an unseen presence filled the air,
And baffled my pursuit.

Now I look back, and meadow, manse, and stream
Dimly my thought defines;
I only see—a dream within a dream—
The hill-top harked with pines.

I only hear above his place of rest
Their tender undertone,
The infinite longings of a troubled breast,
The voice so like his own.

There is seclusion, and remote from men,
The wizard hand lies cold,
Which at its topmost speed let fall the pen
And left the tale half told.

Ah! who shall lift that wand of magic power,
And the lost clue regain?
The unfinished window in Aladdin's tower
Unfinished must remain!

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day.

Mecklenburg, has returned to Richmond.

Mr. William H. McCarthy has leased the Faulkner cottage at Buckroe Beach for August and September.

Mr. R. Lynn Tucker, of Staunton, Va., will be the leading tenor in the choir of All-Saints' Episcopal Church next autumn.

Dr. Thomas Dudley Merriek and Dr. John Davidson, who have been spending the summer in travel abroad, will return to Richmond in September.

Miss Mary Williams is at home in this city, after a visit to her niece, Mrs. Nevins Fishburne, of Staunton, Va.

Mrs. H. S. Watkins and daughters, Misses Louise and Edith, have returned to Richmond after a visit to Captain and Mrs. W. H. Kable, of Staunton.

Mr. H. A. Hare and Mrs. Hare will leave to-day for Baltimore, Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Miss Mary Bernstein, Miss Carrie Paeini, Miss Jennie Temple Mitchell and Miss R. Brooks, of this city, have been recent visitors at a Virginia Beach cottage party.

A number of Richmond Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will attend the unveiling of the Confederate monument in Louisiana to-day.

Mrs. John Randolph Tucker, Mrs. Gertrude Logan and Mrs. W. P. McGuire, of Winchester, Va., are visiting friends in Lexington, Va.

Miss Gale Rider, of this city, is the guest in Lynchburg, Va., of Mrs. Leslie P. Ferrell.

Mrs. A. L. Watkins and Miss Cornelia Watkins have gone to the Rockbridge Alum Springs after a pleasant stay at the Jefferson Park Hotel.

Miss Harriett Lee Tallaferra has gone to Philadelphia where she will make an inspection of the picture galleries previous to a reorganization of her classes in the Art School this autumn.

Miss Sadie Wakefield, of Venable Street, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. George Wakefield, and little daughter, left Monday to visit relatives in Covington, Ky.; Cincinnati, O., and Indianapolis, Ind.

Hon. John Eppes and Mr. Wirt Taylor, of Richmond, have been the guests of Mr. Joseph Savage, at Kernstown, Va.

Miss Malen Burnett, who spent a delightful summer with friends in Montgomery, Ala., is now preparing her studio at No. 203 East Franklin Street.

BIG DECLINE IN BIRTH RATE IN UNITED STATES

Bulletin Issued By Census Bureau Does Not Attempt to Assign Causes. Comparisons Between North and South.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 16.—That there has been a persistent decline of the birth rate in the United States since 1890 is the conclusion reached in a bulletin issued to-day by the Census Bureau. The bulletin is by Professor Walter F. Willcox, of Cornell University, and it is explained that "although the analysis made offers many suggestions as to probable tendencies in the birth rate of the United States, it is primarily, not a study in birth rates, but indicates a study in the proportion of children to the total population or to the number of women of child-bearing age."

The result of the study shows that at the beginning of the nineteenth century the children under ten years of age constituted one-third and at the end less than one-fourth of the total population. The decrease in this proportion began as early as the decade 1810 to 1820, and continued uninterrupted, though a varying rate, in each successive decade.

Probable Cause.

Between 1850 and 1860 the proportion of children to woman between fifteen and forty-nine years, the child-bearing age, increased, but since 1860 it has constantly decreased. It is stated that the decrease has been about equal from decade to decade, but that if the computation is made upon the basis of twenty-year periods it has been regular. In 1860 the number of children under five years of age to 1,000 women fifteen to forty-nine years of age was 69; in 1870 it was only 47.4. The portion of children to potential mothers in 1890 was only three-fourths as large as in 1860.

No attempt is made by the author of the bulletin to determine the probable causes of this decline. An extended argument by General Francis A. Walker is given suggesting that it is largely due to the influx of foreigners and the resultant shock to the population instinct of the natives.

But Professor Willcox does not express a definite opinion, claiming that the vital statistics of the United States are not sufficiently developed to afford a sound basis of judgment. He notes, however, that there has been a similar marked decline in the birth rate of Australia, where there has been no such current of immigration. Considered sectionally it is found that in the North and West there has been a more or less regular decline, while in the South the change has been less regular and the decline less marked. In 1860 the proportion of children to 1,000 women in the North and West was five-sixths of what it was in the South; in 1900 it was less than three-fourths. In 1900 the smallest proportion of children was in the District of Columbia, where the number of children under five was hardly more than one-fourth the number of women of child-bearing age. The next smallest proportion was Massachusetts, where it was slightly more than one-third. The largest proportion was in North Dakota and Indian Territory, in each of which it was two-thirds.

The Decrease.

In the general decrease between 1890

N. J., will be glad to know they will winter in Richmond.

Mrs. Thomas P. Walls, of Philadelphia, will visit Richmond next week to attend the 80th birthday of her uncle, Mr. Alex. Jones. During her stay she will reside with her niece, Mrs. J. Henry Schmidt, 2402 E. Broad Street.

Mrs. Ellen Meade Clarke, whose home is in Atlanta, Ga., is stopping at The Shirley, in Petersburg.

ROGERS MAY HOLD OVER.

Likely That President's "Pleasure" May Be Much Deferred.

There are no new developments in the matter of the resignation of Collector of Internal Revenue Aaa Rogers. It is said that efforts are now being made by friends of the collector to have the act of taken by the President on the initiative of Commissioner Yerkes, held up or withdrawn until after the November election. It is confidently expected that Judge L. L. Lewis, the Republican candidate for Governor, will be able to convince the President that it would be unfortunate for the collector to leave the office when the party is united to inject a factional fight or alienate the support of any considerable element of the party.

It is said to be likely that the request for the resignation may be withdrawn until the election is over. So far as the collector is concerned, the friends of the collector have gone to Washington to see the President. It is regarded as likely that Judge Lewis and possibly others may go to see the President in connection with the matter.

Among those who are mentioned as likely to be chosen for the position are Mr. William Mahone, son and namesake of the late General William Mahone; General Stith Bolling, of Petersburg, a prominent Confederate soldier and grand commander of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Virginia; and the Hon. M. K. Low, a member of the House of Delegates, a lawyer, and others. It is not known, however, that any of these gentlemen have made a formal application for the place.

DOES A DARING ACT.

Dervalto Has a Trick All His Own; Next Week's Casino Bill.

Dervalto, the equilibrist, who nightly makes the ascension of the spiral way on the huge globe, at the Casino, in an act of the kind, does not place his hands on the ball, and slowly walking on the wire, he originated the trick and has many imitators, but no one has succeeded as he has in the act.

The attraction for the Casino will be announced by Manager McKim tomorrow, and will be the last week, but one at the Casino this season. It is expected that the bill will be vaudeville, but it is not certain. The managers are trying to get a standard attraction for the entertainment of the patrons of the house.

THE REGATTA.

Everything in Shape for Virginia's Trial With the Arundels.

In speaking of the regatta that will take place at Beach Park between the Arundel Club, of Baltimore, and the Virginia Club, of Richmond, on Saturday, August 26th, Mr. Shelton, captain of the Virginia Boat Club, stated that everything was in shape for the races and that the crews of both clubs were in fine trim. As far as the Virginia Club is concerned the crews are definitely decided and have not been changed for the third time in a week. The club has about two hundred good men from whom to pick, and it is a certain thing that the club will be well fitted for the responsibility placed on their shoulders and will do

and 1900, not a single State of the North Atlantic division took part. In seven other States, also there was no decrease. In only six States, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana, did the proportion decrease in each of five decades; and in only Delaware, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Oregon and Colorado did it follow the tendency for the country as a whole—that is, increase from 1850 to 1890, and decrease in the four succeeding decades.

In 1900, for the United States as a whole, the proportion of children was only two-thirds as great in cities as in the country districts. In the North Atlantic division, however, it was almost as great in the cities as in the country. In the southern divisions it is hardly more than half as large in the cities as in the country, while in the far West the difference is intermediate in amount. This, it is explained, is probably due to the fact that the population have been swarming into the northern cities of recent years, especially into the cities of the North Atlantic States, have been multiplying by numerous births with much rapidity, while the corresponding laboring class which has immigrated to southern cities from the surrounding country districts has not been thus increasing.

Comparison.

A comparison is made between the proportion of children, born of native and foreign parents, of child-bearing age, and the proportion of children born of foreign born mothers to 1,000 foreign-born women of child-bearing age. In 1900, the former proportion was 48; the latter, 70; the difference indicating the greater fecundity of foreign-born women. The bulletin continues: "The comparison also indicates that the total decreases in fecundity of white women between 1890 and 1900 was the result of a decrease for native white women partly offset by an increase for foreign-born white women."

"In the Atlantic divisions, however, there was a slight increase in the proportion of children born to native white mothers, and in the South Central division, there was but a slight decrease. The decrease for the whole country, therefore, was the result very largely of the great decrease in the North Central and Western divisions."

"The decrease in the proportion of children born to native white women was confined chiefly to cities."

The proportion of negro children to negro women, fifteen to forty-nine years of age, was largest in 1890, and smallest in 1900. There has been uniformly a larger proportion of negro children than of white children.

That difference more than doubled between 1890 and 1900, but in 1900 it was less than half what it was in 1890, and less than at any other census since 1850. Though the negroes have a large proportion of children, than the whites, it has been noticed, that the whites of the South, have a larger proportion than the whites in other sections of the country.

Their utmost to merit the confidence placed in them. In order to give everyone an opportunity to witness the event, excursions will be run to Beach Park that day from Richmond, Baltimore, Norfolk, the Capes, Walkeston, all points on the Rappahannock, York, James and Pamlico Rivers, and from all the counties in the neighborhood of the park. Boats of every description will be there with private excursion parties from all places on the water.

FULTON NEWS.

The family of Mr. Joseph Duval of Varina, were frightened considerably Sunday night during the severe storm in Henrico. Lightning struck a large locust tree near the residence of Duval and the crash was severe.

George Wood, an employee of the Richmond Cold Storage Co., lost a finger Tuesday morning while operating a bucket machine.

George E. Williams and little daughter, who have been visiting Dr. Williams home in Giles county for several weeks, have returned home.

Mr. George Putnam is quite ill at his residence on Graham Street.

Misses Josie and Jennie Rogers returned yesterday from Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, where they have been for several weeks.

Chief Charles H. Smith, of the Richmond Harbor Works Fire Department, is in Harrisonburg attending the State convention of firemen.

Chief Smith has several patents pending, and has recently patented an exhibit at the convention.

Miss Maggie Hill, who has been visiting the Misses Wagner, of Varina, has returned home.

Miss Verna Lawder, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Charles Donnan, at Rehoboth Beach, returned to the city yesterday.

Miss Coral Butler and brother are visiting relatives in Upper Merionethshire, Dr. John W. Daugherty left yesterday for the Eastern Shore on business.

Harvey, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Robinson, is quite ill.

Captain and Mrs. B. S. Rice returned home yesterday from Mount Vernon, N. C., where they have been for a month.

Miss Nellie Schardt is visiting in Baltimore.

Mrs. Emmett Elliott and grand-daughter has returned from Chesterfield.

Caught Sturgeon of Great Size.

Captain Sharp caught a mammoth sturgeon, tipping the scales at 250 pounds, off Mayo's Island, in James River, last Monday. The captain caught another about month ago, which weighed 130 pounds.

Shooting of Willie White.

Mr. H. M. Moran wishes the report corrected that the shooting of Willie White Saturday night occurred at his bar. He asserts that the shooting did not happen in his bar.

For the Ice Mission.

Mrs. E. T. Robinson has left \$3 at The Times-Dispatch business office for the ice mission.

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CHARGED WITH STEALING LUNCH

Artillerymen to Be Court-Martialed for Alleged Theft of Picnic Baskets.

MANY HAVE BEEN MISSING

Anti-Saloon League Planning a Counter Move Against the Liquor People.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., August 16.—Artilleryman Kennedy, member of the Seventy-third Company, Heavy Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Monroe, is in the guardhouse at that post, held for court-martial on the remarkable charge of stealing a lunch-basket.

For a week or two many persons who stopped at Old Point wharf en route to shore resorts for a day's outing, have had their lunch baskets purloined. The provost guard has been on the lookout for the thief, and claims to have caught Kennedy red-handed yesterday. He was arrested in Phoebe by the civil authorities, and turned over to the officers at the fort.

It is also claimed that Kennedy went through the pockets of some of his messmates on pay day, and it is rumored that this charge will figure in the court-martial proceedings also.

Closing of Saloons.

The petition which has been circulated among business men for signatures, requesting that the early-closing ordinance be amended, so as to make the hours longer, was not presented to the Board of Aldermen last night. The lawyer having the matter in charge was on hand, and asked two Aldermen present to present the petition. Both refused. He then asked for a list of the Aldermen, scanned it closely, sorrowfully, shook his head and went away. Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, announced in his sermon Sunday night that if the question were reopened the Anti-Saloon League proposed to make a fight for the closing hour to be placed at 11 o'clock instead of 11:30, as it now stands.

Alleged Oyster Pirates.

News has been received here that Captain Hudgins, of the State oyster boat Rappahannock, recently arrested sixteen oyster pirates near Mulberry Island, in Warwick. The men, who were white, were taken before a magistrate. Seven were fined \$25 each, and the cases of the others were postponed. The men claimed to be tending on private grounds, but Captain Hudgins, who is engaged in relocating the lines of the Baylor survey, refused to accept the explanation, and took the men in charge.

Jones—Andrews.

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